



## CALIFORNIA TELEHEALTH NETWORK

September 24, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communication Meeting with Commissioner Clyburn's Office, Manchester Community Technologies, Community Centers Inc., the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) and the California Telehealth Network (CTN)

Madam Secretary:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. 1.1206, we hereby provide notice of oral ex parte communication during the above captioned meeting. On Thursday, September 20, 2012, Commissioner Clyburn and members of her staff, Angela Kronenberg, Wireline Legal Advisor and Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff met with Dr. Revlyn Williams, Executive Director of Manchester Community Technologies, Inc., Dr. Saundra Davis, Executive Director of Community Centers, Inc., Ms. Susan Walters, Senior Vice President of the California Emerging Technology Fund, Mr. Eric Brown, President & CEO of the California Telehealth Network and Ms. Sandra Simpson, Executive Assistant of the California Telehealth Network. The meeting was organized by Dr. Williams to provide an update to Commissioner Clyburn on recent efforts in California and the Los Angeles area to expand technology and broadband adoption in underserved communities.

The key topics of discussion were as follows:

- Dr. Williams provided an update on efforts underway to provide information on the broadband infrastructure work at Manchester Community Technologies, Inc. in the Inglewood and South Los Angeles area.
- Ms. Walters reported on recent efforts at the California Emerging Technology Fund to close the digital divide by improving digital literacy particularly among underserved, elderly and disabled populations. Ms. Walters reported on California's progress improving broadband adoption which surpasses the national average. The group discussed that the implementation of well thought out programs like "School to Home" and the businesslike approach to program implementation have been major factors in California's success. Ms. Walters requested the Commission consider the performance track record of CETF and consider coordinating future FCC project implementation with statewide partners that have previously delivered solid results.
- Mr. Brown urged the Commissioner and staff to review the recent comments filed by California Telehealth Network on WC Docket No. 02-60, concerning the FCC Rural Health Care Broadband Services Program. Mr. Brown pointed out that organizations

like Manchester Community Technologies are poised to move forward with innovative telehealth initiatives that will enable diverse communities in medically underserved urban areas like Los Angeles to receive improved health care delivery using FCC Rural Health Care funded technology to allow patients to be served by providers within their culture and language. Mr. Brown asked the Commission to support CTN's position that the FCC should continue broadband subsidies for health care providers in medically underserved urban areas. Commissioner Clyburn's staff advised that it would be helpful to the FCC for CTN to provide information documenting how FCC Rural Health Care funded telehealth networks can help deliver cost savings to Medicare/Medicaid programs. CTN agreed to follow up on this request.

- Dr. Davis reported on the activities being undertaken by Community Centers Inc., a regional Work Source Center serving South Los Angeles providing important technical training and employment services, as well as economic development for underserved communities.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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